

Remarks

In the office action of April 25, 2005, the Examiner stated that the application contains the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

Group I, Claims 1-14

Group II, Claims 15-35

Group III, Claims 36-41

Group IV, Claims 42-50

Group V, Claims 51-53

APPLICANT HEREBY ELECTS GROUP I, CLAIMS 1-14 with traverse.

With respect to the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner states that Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made, stating that the method to construct a ground plane beam antenna can be used to make a different product with conductive sheets having a specific width and director elements having a particular linear spacing. With respect to this position, claim 1 defines the ground plane beam antenna as having particular elements, which are reiterated within the method claim 15. Thus, claims 1 and 15 are highly related, as both require the combination of at least one parasitic reflector, at least one parasitic director and a driven element positioned with respect to these components in association with an electrically conductive ground plane. The arrangement of the components is similar, and the basis for restriction as set forth by the Examiner has no reasonable basis. The statement that the method may be used to construct a different product as set forth by the Examiner, does not relate to the claims as set forth, which clearly describe a method of making a product and the product made in closely related claims which are properly examinable together. The Restriction Requirement with respect to Inventions I and II should be withdrawn, and the same is respectfully requested.

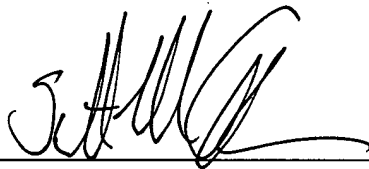
Based upon the foregoing, the Restriction Requirement with respect to Invention II should be withdrawn, and the Restriction Requirement reasonably drawn only to the distinct inventions as set forth in Inventions III, IV and V.

Favorable action hereon is believed to be in order, and examination of claims 1-35 as presently set forth is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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